

Amendment to the Specification

In the specification, please replace the first and second paragraphs of the specification (on page 1), along with the header, with the following, per Rule 121(b)(1),(2) – please note that the “base” version incorporates the amendments presented in the preliminary amendment filed with the application – please also note that the statement regarding copyright has simply been moved from before to after the cross-reference to related applications:

PRIORITY CLAIM CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application ~~claims priority~~ is the national stage of International Application No. PCT/US00/10345, which ~~claims priority~~ the benefit of provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/129,403 filed April 15, ~~[[1989]]~~ 1999, and 60/176,401 filed January 13, 2000, both ~~by the above named inventors. These two applications of which~~ are both incorporated herein by reference. The detailed description portion (including referenced drawing figures) of any U.S. patent or U.S. patent application incorporated by reference into these aforementioned patent applications is also specifically incorporated herein by reference.

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